

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 28-32 are presently pending in the application. Claim 1 is canceled and Claims 28-32 are added by this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. Claims 2-27 were canceled by the previous Preliminary Amendment.

Newly added Claims 28-32 comprise features similar to features contained in Claims 16-20 which were canceled in the parent application serial no. 09/348,267 by way of the Amendment filed on February 28, 2001 in the '267 application. The preamble of newly added Claim 28 recites a storage medium "for use with at least one of a data recording device and a playback device," as recited in Claim 22 of application serial no. 09/630,430.² This feature of Claim 22 of the '430 application overcame a rejection of the apparatus claims under 35 U.S.C. § 101 by specifying that the information storage medium of Claim 22 is arranged to interact with the data recording and/or playback device. Thus, since the information storage medium Claims 28-30 of the present application have been drafted to comprise this feature, they are clearly statutory under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Each of the newly added Claims 28-32 comprise control information including features allowable over the prior art. For example, newly added independent Claims 28, 31 and 32 each recite:

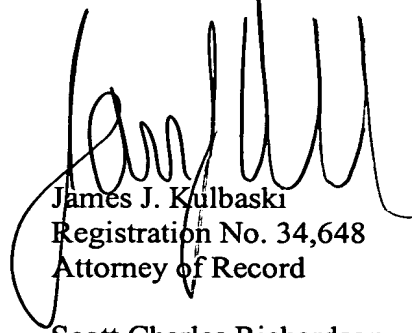
said control information includes at least one search pointer (S_VOIGI_SRP) describing a start address of video object group information (S_VOIGI) and at least one video object information for picture object (S_VOIGI), the at least one video object information for picture objects (S_VOIGI) including a still picture video object entry (S_VOB_ENT) which contains information for accessing objects including pictures, the at least one video object information for picture objects (S_VOIGI) including information of an address of a first still picture (S_VOG_SA) and a size of a picture.

² The '430 application is a divisional of the '267 application.

Accordingly, a favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, before line 1, please amend the specification as follows:

This application is a divisional application of application Serial No.
09/348,267, filed on July 7, 1999, now U.S. Patent 6,353,702.